



## Celebrating the Arts

March highlights each of the arts areas through multiple celebrations across our state and nation. Take notice of how the arts are flourishing in schools. Check the multiple examples of activities which include art exhibits, concerts, fundraisers, and school arts events. If you have arts events, post and connect to the [@WisDPIArtsEd](#) twitter account.

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## How did YAM & MIOSM get started?

(Excerpt from March 2017)

YAM started in 1961 through the Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (Source: WAEA) By taking a month in the year to highlight art, the goal was to put the spotlight on art as a necessary part of a comprehensive education for all students. YAM is a way to inform the public about the skills and knowledge students at all levels gain through art.

MIOSM started in 1973, as a single statewide event in New York, but grew into a month-long nationwide celebration in 1985. (Source: NAFME) MIOSM's goal is to build understandings of music and stresses the important elements it contributes to a student's educational path.

## Wisconsin Theatre Standards Under Review

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has a transparent and comprehensive process for reviewing and revising academic standards. The process begins with a notice of intent to review an academic area with a public comment period of one month. The State Superintendent's Standards Review Council examines those comments and recommends whether to revise those standards or continue with the existing standards. If a revision is determined to be needed, a state writing committee is formed to work on revision or development of those standards. That draft is then made available for open review to get feedback from the public, key stakeholders, educators, and the Legislature with further review by the State Superintendent's Standards Review Council. The State Superintendent then determines adoption of the standards. Additional details of this process are available [online](#).



**Please visit and complete the [Theatre Standards Survey](#) by March 1, 2018.**

The current [Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards for Theatre](#) (1997) is available online, along with a [video](#).

For additional questions or comments about the theatre standards, please email to: [DPITheatreStandards@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:DPITheatreStandards@dpi.wi.gov).

## WI DPI ARTS RESOURCES

Click on the links. Additional resources will be added in future issues.



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